

REMARKS

This Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 amends the specification and claims of the present application; however, the scope of any claim has not been affected and no additional search or examination is required as the amendments merely correct obvious errors. Specifically, claim 13 has been amended herein to correct a typographical error which was inadvertently introduced into the claim during the previously filed amendment. That is, "at least on of" has been changed to "at least one of" in claim 13 (emphasis added). In addition, the specification has been amended herein to correct an inadvertent error which was present in the specification as filed. Specifically, the phrase "retention rate" has been changed to "passage rate" on page 5, line 20 of the specification to accurately correspond to the remainder of the sentence which refers to reducing the scaling of either of the membranes, which results in increasing the lifetime of the membrane in question. As the sentence goes on to refer to maintaining a high rate "as regards the salts to be permeated," such a high rate resulting from a reduction in membrane scaling would correctly be a "passage rate" rather than a "retention rate." Thus, the specification has been herein amended to correct this inadvertent error. No new matter has been added by the present amendment.

Please contact the undersigned at (212) 425-7200 if there are any questions regarding this amendment.

No fee is believed to be due for the filing of this Amendment. Should any fees be due, however, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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